Investment by Motorola Inc. U.S.A. in telecom sector

638. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Motorola Inc., USA had offered to invest an amount upto $ 100 million in India for any product in telecom sector;

(b) whether Motorola has withdrawn this offer as no decision was taken for a considerable period;

(c) if so, when the offer was made and when it was withdrawn;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of Motorola has written to the Prime Minister indicating the withdrawal of their offer in favour of China; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Motorola Inc. U.S.A. had presented a perspective plan for an investment of over 100 million dollars in diverse sectors over a period of time. More specifically they made 2 proposals with foreign equity amounting to US $ 4.8 million which has since been approved.

(b) to (d) There is no reference in the letter from Chairman, Motorola to Prime Minister regarding the withdrawal of this offer in favour of China.

(e) Does not arise.

Appointment without approval of Public Enterprises Selection Board

639. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to atate :

(a) the number of cases where appointments were made without consulting the Public Enterprises Selection Board during each of the last three years; and

(b) the reasons therefor, in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Performance of Public Sector Undertakings

640. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have so far been taken by Government to upgrade the technical expertise to make MOU negotiations with Public Sector Enterprises more effective as promised in the Industrial Policy Statement of July, 1992; and

(b) to what extent these measures have helped in improving the functioning of the Public Sector Enterprises ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) A two-way exchange of officers between Public Sector Enterprises and Government Departments with a view to upgrade the technical expertise to make Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) negotiation and implementation more effective is under active consideration of the Government. Training programmes on Memoranda of Understandings in collaboration with this Department have also been organised with a view to upgrade technical skills on both sides—Government Departments and the Public Sector Enterprises.

(b) It is too early to come to any definite conclusion on the effect of training programmes on the participants with respect to upgradation of their technical skills. However, it is noticed that Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) negotiations between the Ministries and the Public Sector Enterprises are smoother.

Performance of Public Sector Undertakings

641. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that MOU is an instrument for improving the performance of the Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, to what extent their performance has improved during each of the last three years; and

(c) what are the reasons for deterioration in the performance of Public Enterprises during 1991-92 as compared to 1989-90 in terms of return on capital invested ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The performance grading of the PSEs that entered into MOUs during 1989-90 and 1990-91 reveals that 8 out of 17 PSEs in 1989-90 and 15 out of 23 PSEs in 1990-91 attained "excellent" MOU scores thereby exceeding the targets set for them in the MOUs during the respective years. As per the MOU scores for 1991-92, 27 out of 55 MOU signing PSEs who have furnished their scores so far have been provisionally rated as "Excellent". MOU scores for 1991-92 have not yet been finalised but would form part of the forthcoming Public Enterprises Survey 1991-92 to be placed in the Parliament at the commencement of the ensuing Budget session.

(c) The performance data of public enterprises as a whole for the year 1991-92 is still under compilation. However, there might have been some deterioration in the performance in certain sectors. Each sector has different reasons for such fall in the return on investments. Some of the general reasons are sharp increase in raw material costs, non-availability of raw materials, lack of fresh orders, heavy interest burden, power failure, low productivity, foreign exchange loss due to devaluation of the rupee, etc.

Amount realised from disinvestment of PSU Shares

642. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount realised from disinvestment of shares of Public Sector Enterprises as on 30th September, 1992; and

(b) the manner in which this amount has been utilised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The amount realised from disinvestment of shares of PSUs as on 30th September, 1992 for the financial year 1992-93 is 'NIL'.

(b) Does not arise.

Photo film cases missing from Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd., Ooty

643. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantities of photo film cases have been missing from the Hindustan Photo Film Manufacturing Company Limited, Ooty, Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) 168 rolls of colour paper valued at about Rs. 5 lakh kept in the defective material stores were stolen on 15/16-8-92. Police complaint was lodged. One of the company employees was arrested and 165 rolls were recovered.

Disposing of Incomplete Projects by Public Sector Undertakings

644. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector Undertakings have begun disposing of their incomplete projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the reasons therefor ?